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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Mark Your Calendars – Second Annual Governor’s Conference on Service and Volunteerism
The Second Annual Governor’s Conference on Service and Volunteerism will be held October 6 and 7, 2004 at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center in downtown Indianapolis. The title of this year’s conference will be “Volunteers Building Community: Growth, Leadership, and Collaboration” and will have a construction theme. If you and/or your organization are interested in serving on the Planning Committee, please contact Mr. Carey Craig at (317) 233-0900 or ccraig@dwd.state.in.us.

ICCSV Welcomes New Program Officer

The ICCSV is pleased to welcome Sherry Early-Aden to the team as our new program officer. Sherry holds a Masters in Public Administration in Urban Management from Indiana University, Bloomington. She has held positions with local and national governments in New Zealand and the Republic of Mali in West Africa. Sherry will begin her work with the ICCSV on Tuesday, January 20. Her focus areas will be on volunteerism, community collaborations, youth, and the Unified State Plan for Service. Welcome Sherry!

ICCSV to Host Additional Regional Summits on Service and Volunteerism

In an effort to introduce individuals and organizations to the Indiana Unified State Plan for Service (USP), the ICCSV will host seven more regional summits on the following dates:

March 2, 2004 - Fort Wayne **March 16, 2004** - South Bend **March 30, 2004** - West Lafayette
TBA - Terre Haute **April 27, 2004** - Richmond
June 9, 2004 - New Albany **May 25, 2004** - Evansville

Please note the changes to the dates for the Evansville, New Albany, and Richmond summits. If you or your organization are interested in convening a regional host committee, please contact Mr. Carey Craig at (317) 233-0900 or ccraig@dwd.state.in.us. To download a copy of the Host Committee Guide, please visit our Web site at www.IN.gov/iccsv/unified.

Our Beloved Community Festival...A Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Peace Learning Center, in partnership with the Indiana Commission on the Social Status of Black Males, the Murat Centre, and the ICCSV, will host a community festival and ceremony in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The event will take place on Monday, January 19, 2004 at the Murat Centre in downtown Indianapolis. The day will begin at 11:00 a.m. with registration in the Egyptian Ballroom. A one-hour public ceremony honoring Dr. King’s life and work will follow at 11:30 a.m. From 12:30 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. adults, children, and families can attend workshops and learn more about non-violence, inclusion, social justice, and MLK’s life and philosophies. If your organization is interested in hosting a community display, please visit the Commission’s Web site to download the registration form (www.IN.gov/iccsv/mlkjr). The Community Display registration deadline has been extended to Wednesday, January 14, 2004. MLK Day: “A Day ON...Not a Day Off.”

49th Annual Indiana Governor’s Conference on Aging

The 49th Annual Governor’s Conference on Aging – “Celebrate Every Age: Hope, Knowledge, and Dignity” – will take place on December 7-8, 2004 at the Westin Hotel in downtown Indianapolis. For more information, please contact Mark Laker (mlaker@fssa.state.in.us) at (800) 545-7763, or (317) 232-1734.

The ICCSV Welcomes Louis Lopez

The ICCSV Board of Commissioners and Staff wish to welcome Louis Lopez. Mr. Lopez is the new state director for the Corporation for National and Community Service. We look forward to working with Louis and the entire Indiana CNCS staff – Fred and Carol – in the coming year. The CNCS State Office is located at the Birch Bayh Federal Courthouse in Indianapolis. They state office oversees the Senior Corps and AmeriCorps*VISTA programs.

Join Hands Day Mini Grants

The Points of Light Foundation is offering grants from \$250-500 for intergenerational community service projects. The deadline to apply is February 2, 2004. For more information, please visit the Join Hands Day Web site at www.joinhandsday.org and click-on “2004 Mini-grants.”

Communities Building Community

Indiana 2016 and WFYI-Channel 20 are preparing to hit the road again for the second season of *Communities Building Community with Judy O'Bannon*. Through highlighting the ways that individuals, groups, and communities are banding together and making a difference in their communities, Indiana 2016 and WFYI hope to inspire others to become involved in building their communities. Visit www.wfyi.org to find out more about the series and to view segments from last season, and e-mail story ideas that you would like to see featured in the series to Katy Brett at kbrett@dwd.state.in.us.

Department of Homeland Security Launches US-VISIT Program Nationwide

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security today launched US-VISIT, a new program to enhance the nation's security while facilitating legitimate travel and trade through our borders. New entry procedures took January 5, 2004 for most foreign visitors with non-immigrant visas at 115 airports and cruise ship terminals at 14 seaports. The system utilizes biometrics, which are physical characteristics unique to each individual, to verify identity. Biometric technologies are the basis of an extensive array of highly secure identification and personal verification solutions.

Funding Opportunities

Interested in getting information related to potential grants and funding? The ICCSV compiles grant and funding opportunities from various listservs and mailings into a monthly bulletin for our partners and programs, and it is sent via email on the first Friday of every month. If you would like to be added to the email distribution list, please contact Brandy Wood at bwood@dwd.state.in.us.

Did You Know?

During his lifetime, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. sought to forge the common ground on which people from all walks of life could join together as equals to address important community issues. Service, he realized, was the great equalizer. As he once said, "Everybody can be great, because everybody can serve." Let us dedicate ourselves to these principles. (Borrowed from the CNCS Web site)

Keep in Touch! – (Please note the new numbers for some staff members) **ICCSV Staff**

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Important Deadlines and Upcoming Events

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (<i>National Day of Service</i>) – Office Closed	January 19, 2004
AmeriCorps Program Directors Conference Call	January 22, 2004
ICCSV Quarterly Board Meeting	February 12, 2004
USP Regional Summit – Fort Wayne	March 2, 2004

The Indiana Commission on Community Service and Volunteerism challenges the people of Indiana to strengthen their communities through service and volunteerism. We identify and mobilize resources, promote an ethic of service, and develop in communities the capacity to solve problems and improve the quality of life for all individuals and families.